

Application No.: 09/925,941
Supplemental Response to Office Action dated November 21, 2003
Reply to Office Action mailed March 18, 2003

REMARKS

Claims 1- 10 are pending. Claims 2, 3, 4 and 10 are amended to put the claims in properly dependent form. Claim 5 is canceled and claim 6 is written in independent form. Applicants note that in the response filed on September 16, 2003 that the identifier for claim 6 was "original" when it should have been "currently amended". This has been corrected in this supplemental response. No new matter is introduced by way of this amendment.

EXAMINER TELECONFERENCE

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's courtesy call of November 20, 2003 regarding the response to the provisional double patenting rejection. Applicants are filing a supplemental response to that rejection herein.

DOUBLE PATENTING

Claims 1-4 are provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obvious-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 49, 53 and 54 of co-pending application No. 09/636,387 in view of Walt et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,327,410).

Applicants will consider filing a terminal disclaimer if necessary and appropriate at the time there is an indication of otherwise allowable subject matter.

CONCLUSION

Applicants submit that the claims are now in condition for allowance and early notification to that effect is respectfully requested. If the Examiner feels there are further